

NIH Pain Consortium

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An Urgent Problem for Doctors and Patients**

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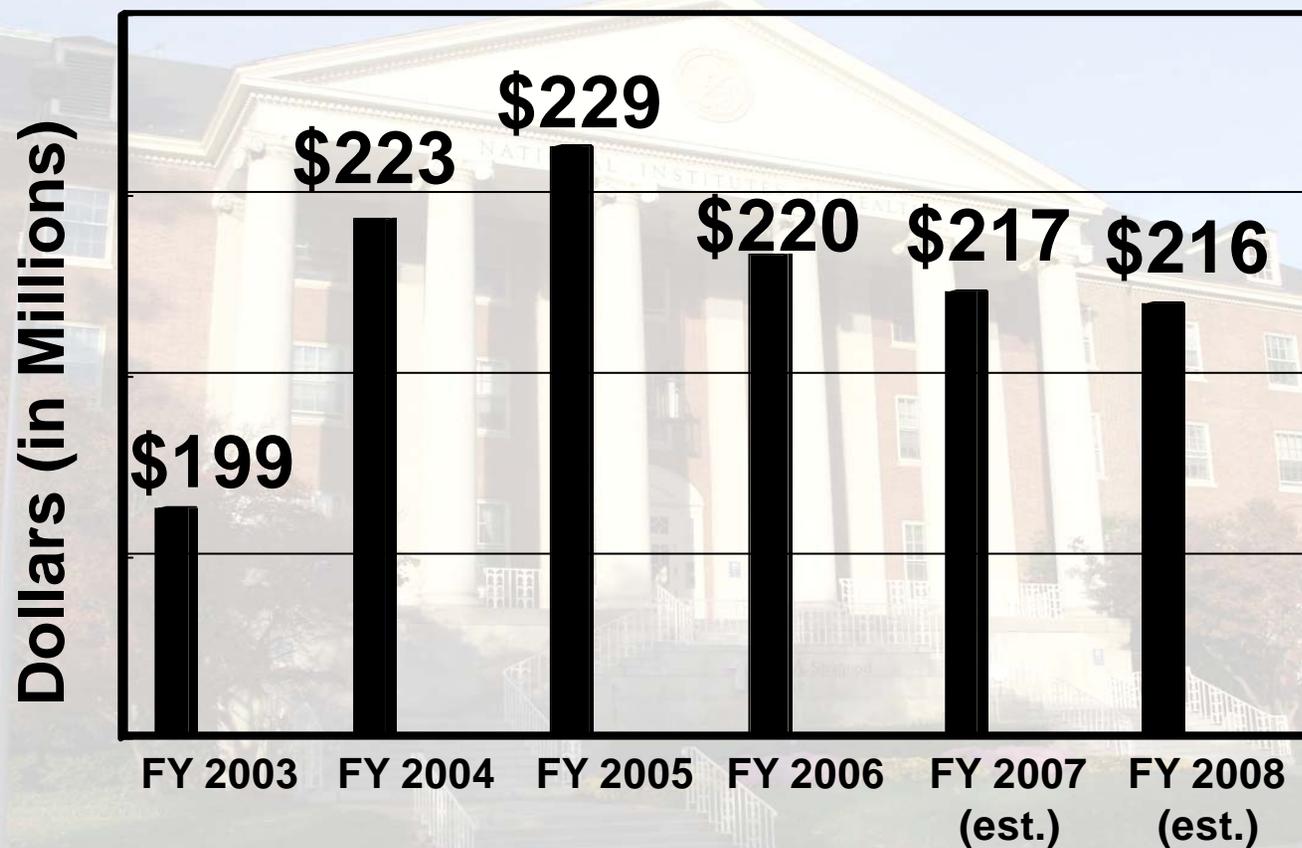
The Problem

Chronic pain:

- Affects millions worldwide
- Decreases well-being and productivity
- Interferes with rest and appetite
- Prolongs recovery from illness and hospital stays
- Decreases quality of life
- Often under-treated
- Large burden on health care system



NIH Funding for Chronic Pain



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Mission:

- Develop comprehensive NIH pain research agenda
- Identify key opportunities for inter-disciplinary research
- Pursue public-private partnerships



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Activities:

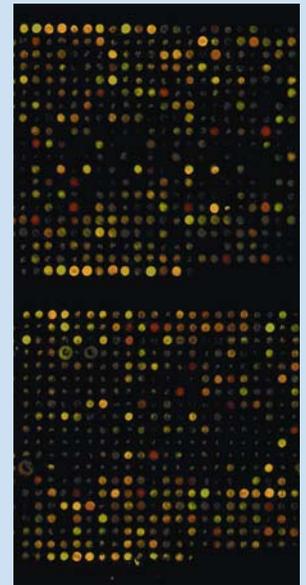
- Coordinate release of initiatives
- Maintain informational resources opportunities in pain research and discoveries
- Increase visibility of NIH pain research



Pain Research at NIH

Pain research across all of the NIH Institutes and Centers explores:

- Basic mechanisms of the pain response
- Pain management and treatment
- Individual differences
- Emotional and biobehavioral aspects



An Inter-disciplinary Focus

The NIH Pain Consortium

NIDCR National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NCI NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

NIDA NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

NICAM

NIMH National Institute of Mental Health

NIAAA

NIBIB

Images: Brain MRI, Doctor with patient, Laboratory, Hand holding ruler.

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